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1. Russia ordered the shipment of 30,000 crankshafts from VEB Motorenwerk, Berlin-Johannisthal.<sup>1</sup> On 11 August 1954, the order was reduced to 20,000 crankshafts, owing to difficulties in production and materials procurement.

2. [redacted] China ordered a shipment of 36, SM 6 cylinder type Diesel engines with a 250 horsepower capacity and a rated speed of 1700 revolutions per minute. VEB Bleichert, Leipzig was the subcontractor in carrying out the work.<sup>2</sup> At first, 20 Diesel engines were to be delivered: 2 engines to the Leipziger Messe on 5 September 1954, 8 engines late in September 1954 and 10 in October 1954. Since mid-May 1954, efforts have been made in vain to place an order for the casting of crank cases. These cases were to be produced by VEB Zylinderguss, formerly Meyer and Steudel, Leipzig, but because of production difficulties and constant changes in designs, it has been impossible to keep the dates of delivery.<sup>3</sup>

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2. [redacted] Comment. The Diesel engines SM 6 will probably be needed for the full track hoisting crane AK 12 (Autokran), which is under construction at VEB Transport Machine Construction Bleichert, Leipzig. Its net weight will be 38 tons and its net load 12 tons. The undercarriage and the driving unit of the crane were to be built by VEB IFA Motorenwerk, Berlin-Johannisthal.

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